

Chief of Base, Frankfurt

Chief of Station, Germany

Chief, SR

REDSKIN/ARMANKE/1

Briefing of ARMANKE/1 and information pertaining to ARMANKE/1

15 DEC 1958

See paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 below.

- A. EGPW 7555, dated 12 September 1958
- B. EGPW 7908, dated 8 November 1958

1. This dispatch will provide you with a summary of the briefing which was given to ARMANKE/1 by ☐ prior to subject's departure for Frankfurt, Germany. Included in this dispatch is also information pertaining to ARMANKE/1's personal affairs.

2. We discussed with ARMANKE/1 the clauses of his new contract, a copy of which was transmitted to you in EGPW 500, dated 18 November 1958. We particularly stressed the fact that while his change of status from contract agent to contract employee carries with it additional benefits, he is still a temporary employee, whose contract status will be reviewed before his contract is renewed. Thus there is no assurance that there will still be a job after his two year contract expires. Along this line we request that you inform Headquarters immediately of any changes in ARMANKE/1's work situation that would affect his contract employee status per FR 20-1000. At this time we would also like to inform you that Subject's CSA, which was transmitted to you in reference A, is Type B as defined in FR 20-1000.

3. ARMANKE/1 received a general briefing about his duties at Frankfurt Operations Base as outlined in Project ARMANKE/1 under task. A copy of the project was forwarded to you in reference B. We explicitly told ARMANKE/1 that while he is abroad all his directions and guidances would come from the field case officer.

4. In order to have all the necessary data available for future Project ARMANKE/1 renewals, ARMANKE/1 was instructed to keep a record of all the work he performs while at Frankfurt which includes, but is not limited to, the number of letter intercept processed, REDSKIN leads spotted and developed, number of reports made on the basis of interrogations and interviews, and various other KUTUM operations as directed by his field case officer. It was explained to the Subject that this data will be needed at Headquarters approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the end of his first contract year at Frankfurt, in order to justify, review and evaluate his work there. However, he should also be requested to submit this above mentioned information at the end of each month to his field case officer for inclusion in the monthly progress report.

5. We told ARMANKE/1, subject to directions from the field case officer, that he need not stop correspondence with his foreign contacts while at Frankfurt. However, he must continue translating and give copies of his correspondence with people such as REDSKIN's mother, ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ mother and possibly others to his case officer in Frankfurt. We are especially interested in the CI aspects of his sister's correspondence with his father in Latvia. It is requested that copies of all this correspondence together with translations be sent to Headquarters. ARMANKE/1 was also told that all specific instructions as to the operational use of this correspondence will come from his field case officer, and that due to security or operational reasons his case officer might instruct him to discontinue some of his correspondence.

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6. You may inform AERHAKITE/1 that his KUBARK hospitalization insurance is in effect as of 13 November 1958, and that \$9.30 per month will be deducted from that part of his pay check which goes to his wife in PERHAT. AERHAKITE/1 also raised the question of per diem rates for official travel in Germany. He felt that he had not received the full amount while on his assignment in Germany in summer of 1957. We assured him that he would receive the same per diem rates as other COMINT employees in Germany.

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7. In conclusion we would like to point out that we had some reservations about sending AERHAKITE/1 on his FCB assignment to Frankfurt Operations Base. These reservations include security and family problems. On sober second thought, we think that we may have been mistaken to succumb to the field's pressure for sending him. There are two security factors that give us great concern. The first one is the fact that AERHAKITE/1 is intimately connected with blown or RIS controlled agents. In addition to the CAPESO's, AERHAKITE/2, and AERHAKITE/2, Subject also had intimate connections with AECOR/7 and AECOR/10, both of whom have been RIS agents of long standing. More serious is the fact that Subject's parents are still in Latvia and that his father is in contact with AECOR/10. It would be foolhardy to assume that AERHAKITE/1 is not of interest to the RIS and that they will not only endeavor to keep track of him, but will possibly try to recruit him using his father as a control. We have discussed this possibility with AERHAKITE/1, and have urged him to report to you instantly any new relationships that may develop. We enjoin you to be extremely careful in your operational use of AERHAKITE/1 and to follow closely the restrictions as included in his CSA in reference A.

8. There are also family problems which may later have repercussions. These details are being sent separately.

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